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NEW YORK HOG INVENTORY INCREASES

Pork producers in New York had 108,000 hogs and pigs on hand December 1, 2010, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York office. This total was up 40 percent from the 77,000 head on hand a year earlier.

Of the current inventory, 12,000 hogs are for breeding purposes, up 1,000 head from the previous December. The remaining 96,000 hogs and pigs, raised for home use or the slaughter market, increased by 30,000 head from a year ago.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010 was 64.3 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2009, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2010. Breeding inventory, at 5.78 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The U.S. September-November 2010 pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down slightly from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.89 for the September-November 2010 period, compared to 9.70 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

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